

## **Savina C. Larson Southwick**

### **1850-1950 Lehi Centennial Biography**

Savina C. Larson Southwick, daughter of Sven and Caroline M. Christensen was born November 21, 1845 in Uster-Resor, Norway.

Her father, a seaman, was owner and captain of a ship operating between Norway, Sweden, also Denmark. Among the passengers on his ship bound from Sweden to Norway in 1852, were two Latter-day Saint missionaries, one of whom was Canute Peterson. Mr. Christensen listened to the messenger of the restored gospel as given him by the missionaries. It very much appealed to him and he soon accepted the same. He was the first convert to the gospel in Norway.

In 1853, Savina left her native land with her father's family and came to Utah. On the way, three children died of cholera, and were buried at sea, and her mother died at St. Louis, Missouri, and was buried there. Savina, with her father and brother, Andrew, arrived in Utah in the fall of 1854 going to Lehi where she made her home with the family of Canute Peterson for ten years.

Savina was baptized December 17, 1854, by Bishop David Evans. She was married in the Endowment House at Salt Lake City, Utah to William Southwick, May 28, 1864, by Apostle Wilford Woodruff. She was the mother of six children.

In the Church, she was an active member in the Relief Society from its organization in Lehi, a teacher in Sunday School, and counselor in the Primary. She participated in the "Grasshopper War" carded, spun, and wove wool: made "home made" carpets from "carpet rags" and even worked in the field to help support her family.

Loved by all who knew her, she was a devoted wife, and mother and a firm believer in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She died September 3, 1908.

